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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 5-6 CIVIL DISORDERS: SILENCE CONTINUES

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1. CONTINUED GOVERNMENT SILENCE CONCERNING RECENT DISORDERS SUGGESTS THAT ISSUES WHICH PRECIPITATED FEBRUARY 5-6 DISTURBANCES REMAIN UNRESOLVED. IN FEBURARY 13 EXPRESO, COLUMNIST FRANCISCO MONCLOA WRITES THAT GOP-... IS ONE OF THE LEAST COMMUNICATIVE OF OUR HISTORY, PRECISELY BECAUSE IT IS NOT MADE UP OF POLITICIANS. BUT IF SEVERITY IS GOOD. . . IT IS NOT WHEN CARRIED TO EXTREME. THIS SILENCE IS CONTRIBUTING TO PUBLIC UNCERTAINTY. WE SUGGEST THAT THE GUIDING WORDS OF PRESIDENT VELASCO BE HEARD." (MONCLOA IS CLOSE TO VELASCO AND POSSIBLY THINKS THAT VELASCO WILL SOON SPEAK OUT.)

2. FEBURARY 12 CENTRAL ZONE COMMAND COMMUNIQUE AUTHORIZED RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (MOVIES, SPORTS, ETC.), PROVIDED EVENTS FINISH BY 9 P.M. CURFEW REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM
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11 P.M. UNTIL 5 A.M.

3. EL COMERCIAO REPORTS THAT MOST OF 563 GUARDIA CIVILES UNDER DETENTION HAVE BEEN GIVEN PROVISIONAL LIBERTY; NEWSPAPER ADDS THAT ABOUT 80 POLICEMENT REMAIN UNDER ARREST. (AMNESTY FOR ALL ARRESTED GCS IS ONE OF POLICE DEMANDS.)

4. CARETAS MAGAZINE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN REMOVED FROM NEWSSTANDS NOTWITHSTANDING EARLIER CENSORSHIP (REFTEL). EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE WILL BE SOLD LOCALLY WITH MISSING PAGE (AS TIME IS BEING SOLD) DUE TO ARTICLE ON PERU ENTITLED "COP KILLERS"; EMBASSY OBTAINED A COPY FROM A TRAVELER.

5. ACCORDING TO PRESS, DAMAGES AT THE FIRE-GUTTED CIVIC CENTER HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED AT 300 MILLION SOLES.
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